

Applicant: DORI, Dov
Serial No.: 09/808,781
Attorney Docket No.: P-7481-US

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully studied the Office Action. This paper is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection and objection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-40 are pending in the Application. Claims 1, 14, 16, 28, 30, 33 and 34 have been amended.

Amendment of Claims

Applicant has amended claims 1, 14, 16, 28, 30, 33 and 34 to more clearly define what the Applicant regards as the invention.

No new matter has been added by this Amendment.

Specifically, claims 1, 16, 30, 33 and 34 have been amended to clarify, in paraphrase, that the textual description is modified in response to modification of the diagrammed model.

Claims 14 and 28 have been amended to recite using the generated text as input for a generic code generator, able to further receive as input a set of rules for translating the generated text into a specific programming language.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 1-40 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention.

Specifically, the Examiner contended that the phrase "substantially in real time", recited in each of independent claims 1, 16, 30, 33 and 34, is indefinite in the context of these claims. The Examiner suggested that the independent claims be amended such that

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the textual description is modified "in response to" the modification of the diagrammed model.

Without conceding the appropriateness of the Examiner's contention, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 16, 30, 33 and 34, by deleting the phrase "substantially in real time" and clarifying that the modification of the textual description is performed "in response to" the modification of the diagrammed model.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-40 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 1-40 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over various combinations of references, each of the combinations including a publication by Mor Peleg and Dov Dori, "From Object-Process Diagrams to a Natural Object-Process Language") ("Peleg2"). The Examiner contended that Peleg2 constitutes prior art under 35 USC §102(a).

According to M.P.E.P. §2132.01, "where the applicant is one of the co-authors of a publication cited against his or her application, the publication may be removed as a reference by the filing of affidavits made out by the other authors establishing that the relevant portions of the publication originated with, or were obtained from, applicant. Such affidavits are called disclaiming affidavits."

Without conceding the appropriateness of any of the combinations made by the Examiner, and without conceding that the claimed invention is disclosed in any of references of record, alone or in combination, Applicant submits concurrently herewith a Disclaiming Affidavit signed by Mor Peleg. Accordingly, the Peleg2 publication cannot be used by the Examiner as a prior art reference, alone or in combination with other references, to reject any of the claims.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-40 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over the combinations of references cited by the Examiner that include Peleg2 be withdrawn.

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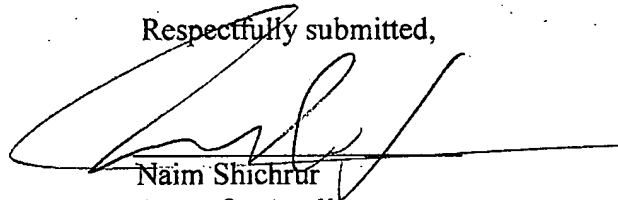
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, and for at least the reasons discussed above, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-40 are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this paper, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this paper. However, if any fees are in fact due, please charge any such fees to deposit account No. 50-3355.

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